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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenichi SHIRAISHI

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Docket No.: 128985

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD,  
MAINTENANCE METHOD, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**